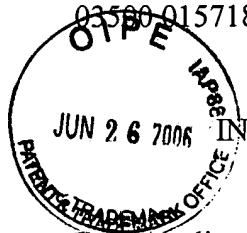


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: Jeffrey N. Fredman
NOBUKO YAMAMOTO, et al.)
: Group Art Unit: 1637
Application No.: 09/942,596)
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Filed: August 31, 2001)
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For: METHOD FOR ANALYZING)
BASE SEQUENCE OF)
NUCLEIC ACID) June 21, 2006

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for
response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2005 for three months from March 21,
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Submitted herewith is a check for \$1,020.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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